rary workers selected from the local community. Keeping in view voluntary nature of their work they cannot be compared with others. However, the anganwadi workers/helpers are paid the following honorarium:

Anganwadi Workers	*Rs. per month*
Matriculate	275.00
Matriculate, with 5 years experience as Anganwadi worker	300.00
Matriculate, with 10 years experience as Anganwadi worker	325.00
Non-matric	225.00
Non-matric, with 5 years experience as Anganwadi worker	250.00
Non-matric, with 10 years experience as Anganwadi worker	275.00
Helper	110.00

(c) The Government continues to review the service conditions of Anganwadi workers from time to time and appropriate steps have been taken to improve their working conditions. Their honorarium has been increased four times ever since the scheme was started in October, 1975. They are also eligible for annual and maternity leave.

(d) At present 2848 Anganwadi Workers and equal number of Helpers are employed in ICDS projects in Delhi.

News item Captioned "CPWD Building Norms Outdated"

1674. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "CPWD building norms outdated" appearing in the Economic Times dated February 24, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item under reference basically mentions out-dated specifications of the CPWD which have affected the construction activity throughout the country as these are largely followed in the construction industry. It is mentioned that the CPWD specifications do not take into account new building techniques and materials. It is also mentioned that the schedule of rates are not periodically updated and are, therefore, unrealistic. It has, therefore, been suggested that as CPWD is unlikely to change its ways, the private sector should bring out a schedule of specifications on their own for use by all.

(c) The CPWD specifications and schedule of rates are prepared taking into account the works which are suitable for Govt. construction. The specifications are updated from time to time taking into consideration various amendments brought out by the Bureau of Indian Standards as also practical experience in the field and new materials which can be incorporated for Govt. construction. The CPWD specifications were issued in two volumes in 1977 and since then 63 correction slips for Volume I and 19 correction slips for Volume II have been incorporated. The revision of entire specifications is

now under process in the CPWD taking into account the latest techniques and materials. As and when new materials are needed for non-conventional items of work, these are incorporated even if they may not be in the specifications and schedule of rates. It is, however, important to note that CPWD have necessarily to be prudent in the use of new materials and technology as their works involve use of public funds and they have to function under resource constraint. As far as schedule of rates is concerned, this was issued in 1989 and has been updated by 16 correction slips.

Welfare of SCs/STs in Ambedkar Centenary Celebration

1675. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for the welfare programmes for SCs/STs during Ambedkar Centenary Celebration year 1990-91;

(b) whether the Government have released the total amount; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) During financial year 1990-91, a total Budget provision of Rs. 575.51 crores (Plan: Rs. 572.70 crores and Non-Plan: 2.81 crores) was provided for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. As against this, an expenditure of Rs. 585.31 crores (Plan: 582.54 crores and Non-Plan: Rs. 2.77 crores) was incurred during 1990-91.

(c) Does not arise.

Net Reproductive Rate

1676. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the time-frame within which the Government intend to bring down the Net Reproductive Rate to one; and

(b) whether earlier target of achieving a NRR (net reproductive rate) of one by 1990 could not be achieved; if so. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) As per the National Health Policy, 1983, the goal of reaching the Net Reproduction Rate of Unity is to be achieved by the year 2000 A.D. A review, however, indicates that this goal may be reached only by 2006-2011 A.D.

High Incidence of Disease in Tribal Areas

1677. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific study made or survey conducted by the Government to identify the tribal areas having high incidence of Tuberculosis, Malaria, Leprosy, Goitre and Anaemia in the country;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) the reasons behind increase in aforesaid diseases; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Union Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Studies undertaken by Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, have shown that prevalence of Tuberculosis is not higher among tribal population.